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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, High
Cost
Universal Service Support: WC Docket No. 05-337: In the Matter of Federal-
State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This Notice of *Ex Parte* meeting is provided to the Commission in accordance with Commission rules on behalf of Great Plains Communications, Inc. of Blair, Nebraska.

On November 12, 2007 Ken Pfister and John Jordison of Great Plains Communications, Inc, Tom Conry of Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company, Nick Paden of Telec Consulting Resources and I met with Commissioner Ray Baum regarding the Universal Service Joint Board's Recommended Decision to place an interim cap on CETCs and its impending recommended decision regarding long term universal service reform.

We expressed support for an interim cap on CETCs and for the principles articulated by the Joint Board in the statement it released on September 6, 2007. We also discussed key aspects of the Nebraska state universal service fund.

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Sincerely,

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